

and I were close friends with the Williams children as we grew up. In a small town like Farmville, NC, everyone knows each other and my unique relationship with the Williams family has always been very special to me.

On the 19th of May, Mrs. Williams' family and friends will attend her birthday celebration. It will be a celebration of the 100 years of a lady with a strong religious faith who loves her family and community.

What Juanita Williams has given to the Town of Farmville is hard to measure, but her deeds speak for themselves: church service, Girl Scouts, Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Meals on Wheels, and much more.

This is a lady who gives more than she receives. Thank God for Mrs. Juanita Williams and may He continue to bless her, her family and these United States.

RECOGNIZING VICE ADMIRAL  
SALLY BRICE-O'HARA

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2012*

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader for her extraordinary service in the United States Coast Guard. Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara served our nation for nearly 38 years, and on May 18, she will retire as Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for her tremendous commitment to service and to our country.

As the 27th Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara not only led over 57,000 active-duty, reserve and civilian members and 30,000 Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers in executing all of the Coast Guard's maritime life-saving, law enforcement, environmental protection, ports and waterways security, and national defense operations world-wide, but she also served as the Chief Acquisition Executive responsible for guiding the Coast Guard through its critical, multi-billion dollar recapitalization program. Her leadership in driving the Service toward achieving the highest standards of professional conduct and competency, fiscal stewardship and public accountability led to the Coast Guard's first-ever qualified audit opinion, significant improvements in management of the Coast Guard's deployable specialized forces, and the implementation of numerous Service-wide aviation safety and training enhancements.

Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara's experience, foresight and commitment to serving her fellow Coast Guard men and women and the people of the United States can be seen in the many accomplishments she achieved throughout her service in the Coast Guard's most important and impactful leadership positions. As Deputy Commandant for Operations, Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara implemented vital improvements to the Service's operations and mission support execution and coordination through their modernization and stabilization programs; the most significant organizational change initiatives in the Service's history. As Commander of the Fourteenth District, Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara directed all Coast Guard operations in the Central Pacific encompassing an area of over 12 million square miles. Responsible for

protecting U.S. economic and sovereign interests in this vital region, Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara ensured the security of our exclusive economic zones, protected our natural resources, and represented U.S. interests to our international partners as the Deputy Commander for East Asia-Pacific Engagement. Her other Flag Officer assignments include Director of Reserve and Training where she developed Coast Guard-wide recruiting, training and management of over 12,000 Coast Guard Ready Reservists, and oversaw all Coast Guard training facilities; and Director of Personnel Management, where she administering Coast Guard-wide human resource and workforce development programs.

Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara has also served in numerous command positions around the country including several which have had a direct and vital impact on the residents of Southern New Jersey and my Congressional District. As commander of the Fifth Coast Guard District, she directed Coast Guard operations along the mid-Atlantic and was responsible for protecting some of our Nation's most important economic sea ports and military infrastructure. She also oversaw response to the ATHOS I oil spill, the largest oil spill ever to affect the East Coast. Her dedicated leadership helped the Delaware Bay region recover quickly and avoid a lasting negative impact on the regions economy and Bay's sensitive ecosystem. She also served as Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard's only Recruit Training Command in Cape May, New Jersey where she ably prepared recruits for service in the Coast Guard. Finally, she served as Commanding Officer of the Cape May Boat Station, where she oversaw the safety and security of South Jersey's waterways and the search and rescue of hundreds of individuals.

The conduct and leadership of Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara's has been exemplary. She has been awarded the Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, five awards of the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, six awards of the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

A native of Annapolis, Maryland, she graduated from Goucher College in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and received her Coast Guard commission from Officer Candidate School in 1975. She holds a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, where she was named a Littauer Fellow, and a Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College. Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara and her husband Robert O'Hara, a retired Coast Guard officer, have two adult sons, Robert and Brice.

Both as the Chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee and as a grateful citizen, I am honored today to recognize the extraordinary career and distinguished service of Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank her for her and her family's sacrifices over the past 37 years, and I wish her well as she retires from the Coast Guard.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING IRAN FROM ACQUIRING A NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2012*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 568, a resolution emphasizing the importance of preventing the Government of Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon. I have long held that the United States should make every effort to stop Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon and this resolution is consistent with that belief. Allowing them to do so would needlessly create instability in the region, potentially spark a nuclear arms race, and would threaten our ally Israel. As someone who has consistently defended the security of Israel, such an outcome would be unacceptable.

I applaud President Obama for taking a strong and decisive stand on this important issue. H. Res 568 recognizes the President's March 31, 2010 statement that the "consequences of a nuclear-armed Iran are unacceptable," and I wholeheartedly agree. That being said, we should give diplomacy and tough economic sanctions every chance to succeed in dealing with Iran. As I have said in the past, the consequences of rushing to war are grave and should be made with all due consideration. I have high hopes for the talks that the international community is holding with Iran at the end of the month, and look forward to seeing the result. The whole world is indeed watching.

HONORING PASTOR J.S. HOPKINS  
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM ST.  
MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2012*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 2, 2012 Dr. J.S. Hopkins is being honored for a lifetime of devotion to the Lord and his 52 years of service as Pastor to the spiritual community of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Flint, Michigan.

Dr. Hopkins was born on December 19, 1922 in Flora, Mississippi. He accepted Christ as his personal savior and was baptized on September 19, 1937. From 1942 to 1946 he served in the armed forces of the United States and in 1946, the year he was honorably discharged, he married Miss Lureatha Outland. The couple are proud parents of seven children. It was also in 1946 that Dr. Hopkins was crowned a church deacon and shortly afterward the couple moved to Michigan and Rev. Hopkins went to work for General Motors. He retired from GM in 1978 after 30 years of dedicated service.

After moving to Flint, Dr. Hopkins joined New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, serving on the Deacon Board. In 1957, the Hopkins moved their membership to True Light Missionary Baptist Church and within a year he